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TAGS: PFOR, TU, IR

SUBJECT: TURKISH-IRANIAN DISAGREEMENT OVER TIR FEES

REF: (A) ANKARA 0170, (B) TEHRAN 0187

1. MFA BALKAN AFFAIRS CHIEF GEZER TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 9 THAT IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HAD INFORMED MFA THAT GOT DECISION TO RAISE TRANSIT FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS (TIR) WOULD RESULT IN "SUSPENSION" OF RECENT IRANIAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE DOLLARS 1.2 BILLION CREDIT TO TURKEY. GEZER SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE IRANIANS HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE RATE INCREASE, BUT HE SUSPECTED THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN SURPRISED THAT SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD QUICKLY AGREED TO RENEGOTIATE THEIR AGREEMENTS WITH TURKEY BASED ON THE NEW FARE STRUCTURE. HE SPECULATED THAT THE IRANIANS PERHAPS WERE "BLUFFING", BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE FURTHER TALKS WITH THEM SINCE IRAN WAS THE FINAL DESTINATION FOR THE BULK OF TURKEY'S TIR TRAFFIC.

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2. MFA DENIED JANUARY 9 IRANIAN CHARGES THAT TURKEY

HAD QUINTUPLED THE TRANSIT FEE TO IRAN. THE MFA INFORMATION OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE FEE HAD INCREASED FROM 15 KURUS (ONE CENT) TO 25 KURUS (1.7 CENTS) PER TON PER KILOMETER. (HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND RATE FOR COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE A TRANSIT AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY, E.G. IRAN, THE FARE INCREASED TO 40 KURUS).

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